

18 May 1961

*Mr. to [unclear]*  
MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: White House Intelligence Watch

The 24-hour watch set up in the White House this week by Cmdr. Shepard is a valuable step in meeting your requirements, and those of your staff, for timely current intelligence. There is some question in my mind, however, whether the present arrangements, under which CIA supplies one or several watch officers, will completely meet your needs. I would be more satisfied that my responsibilities to you in the current intelligence field are fully carried out if CIA were represented in this watch full time.

If you concur, I will make available sufficient trained watch officers to maintain a 24-hour intelligence watch.

ALLEN W. DULLES  
Director

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~~either augmenting or replacing the personnel now assigned~~  
from other organizations.

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